

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain pending in this application. No claims have been amended, added or cancelled herein. Applicant respectfully requests acceptance of the drawings filed with the application.

In the Office Action mailed 01/10/2008, claims 1 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,535,933 to Takayama (hereinafter **Takayama**). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,933 to Takayama (hereinafter **Takayama**) in view of well known prior art (Official Notice). Claims 2 and 5-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,933 to Takayama (hereinafter **Takayama**) in view of Applicant's admitted prior art in the specification. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,535,933 to Takayama (hereinafter **Takayama**). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Also, Applicant does not admit **Takayama** as prior art but rather deems it only a reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), which Applicant reserves the right to antedate, since the patent issued less than one year before the filing date of the present application.

Applicant's claimed subject matter provides methods and devices comprising unique combinations of method steps and features, respectively, including, *inter alia*, a print apparatus, comprising: a display unit; an interface adapted to communicate with a host device; and a control unit for determining whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface, and, if it is

determined that the language information has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language corresponding to the language information (see Applicant's independent claims 1 and 4).

Takayama does not disclose, teach or suggest such unique combinations of features or method steps.

The Examiner alleges that **Takayama** discloses a control unit for determining whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface, and, if it is determined that the language information has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language corresponding to the language information (citing column 3, line 28-55 of **Takayama**). Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's analysis.

Takayama discloses setting the operation mode of the host in accordance with that of a device and is therefore completely in contrast with the claimed invention. As recited in the independent claims 1, 4 and 7, a print apparatus communicates with a host and operates depending on information obtained from the host. This contrast is illustrated by step S2 in Fig. 3 of **Takayama** which teaches that control software is downloaded from the device to the host. The setting of language in **Takayama** is at the host as illustrated by Fig. 3B versus at the device (e.g. a print apparatus).

Further, nowhere does **Takayama** disclose a control unit as well as any form of "determining step" to determine whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface. **Takayama** further fails to disclose that if it is determined that the language information has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language corresponding to the language information. First, as stated above, **Takayama** teaches what is given to a host by a device. Second, Applicant submits that executing the printer management utility in the German language by assuming that the user using the host is using the same language as the printer language, as disclosed by **Takayama**, has nothing to do with determining whether certain language information from the host device has been received through the interface, and, if it is determined that the language information has been received, displaying display information on the display unit in a language

corresponding to the language information, as claimed in Applicant's independent claims 1 and 4.

Accordingly, Applicant's independent claims 1 and 4 are allowable over **Takayama** at least for these reasons.

For at least these reasons, independent claims 1 and 4 are distinguished from **Takayama** and are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 4 (and of claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 which depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by **Takayama** is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

1. The Examiner has rejected claims 2 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,933 to Takayama (hereinafter **Takayama**) in view of Applicant's admitted prior art in the specification. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Applicant has NOT admitted any prior art in the specification. The text reference by the Examiner from the specification is in a section labeled as "Description of the Related Art" and not "Prior Art". Also, there are no such legends in the drawings.

Applicant's claimed subject matter, per independent claim 7, provides methods and devices comprising unique combinations of method steps and features, respectively, including, *inter alia*, An automatic display language setting method for a print apparatus in a print system having a host device connected through the print apparatus and a communication interface, comprising: sending to the print apparatus display language information of a device driver which is set when the device driver for controlling operation of the print apparatus is set up in the host device; determining whether the display language information of the device driver has been received from the host device; and setting up a display language of the print apparatus to display information to be displayed on a display unit of the print apparatus in a

language corresponding to the display language information of the device driver, if it is determined that the display language information of the device driver has been received from the host device (see Applicant's independent claim 7).

Takayama does not disclose, teach or suggest such unique combinations of features or method steps.

Accordingly, Applicant's independent claim 7 is allowable over **Takayama** at least for these reasons.

2. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,933 to Takayama (hereinafter **Takayama**) in view of well known prior art (Official Notice).

The Examiner admits that **Takayama** fails to teach an apparatus wherein the information to be displayed on the display unit includes menu information, option information, and message information displaying an operational status of the print apparatus which are set in the print apparatus. **Takayama** is deficient as discussed above in connection with independent claim 1.

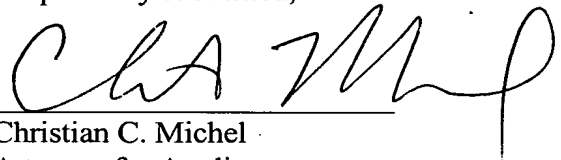
For at least these reasons, independent claims 1 and 4 are distinguished from **Takayama** and are allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 4 (and of claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 which depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by **Takayama** is respectfully requested. Also, withdrawal of the rejections of independent claims 7 (and of claims 8 and 9 which depend therefrom) under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Takayama et al.** in view of **Applicant's admitted prior art in the specification** is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Reconsideration of the above-identified application and allowance of claims 1-9 are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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